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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: THE WINNERS IN SA DEC

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1. REFTEL REPORTED ON THE CANDIDATES FOR THE LOWER HOUSE

2. THE WINNERS:

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A. HUYNH THANH DAY, 51, 19,179 VOTES. DAY WAS BORN IN BA XUYEN AND LATER MOVED TO CAN THO WHERE HE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH HOA HAO CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEADER VAN PHU. DURING ELECTION HE USED COCONUT TREE SYMBOL OF VAN PHU'S CANDIDATES AND OF ALL VIETNAM BLOC. AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF SA DEC HOA HAO PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DAY WAS SECONDARY CANDIDATE OF THAT COMMITTEE WHICH WAS PRIMARILY

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SUPPORTING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY NGUYEN LONG GIAO WHO WAS EXPECTED TO WIN. DAY APPEARS HEAVY AND SLOW WITTED.

B. HO VAN THOM, 41, 15,116 VOTES. THOM WAS BORN IN SA DEC AND PROFESSES NO RELIGION. THOM COOPERATED WITH GENRAL TRAN VAN DON IN THE 1965 EFFORT TO OVERTHROW GENERAL KHANH. THOM WAS SUPPORTED IN ELECTION BY GENERAL DON AND RAN USING THE FARMER LABOR SOLDIER SYMBOL. HE ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH GENERAL DON DURING THE CAMPAIGN. THOM WAS FORMER DISTRICT CHIEF TAM BINH AND MINH DUC DISTRICTS OF VINH LONG. FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL NATIONAL POLICE (COMBAT POLICE). THOM APPEARS ENERGETIC AND INTELLI-GENT. HE HAS SOMEWHAT OF A SOURTHERN REGIONALIST AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE. BUNKER

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